

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract filed in PCT/GB00/02015 with the following

Abstract, and make it part of the application record:

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--Methods of determining [[COPD]]Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease
(COPD) severity in patients which comprises measuring the concentration of soluble
E-cadherin (sE-cadherin) in the patient's urine and/or blood serum and determining
the extent of severity by reference to correlation graphs, a method of treating patients
with COPD, methods for determining the responsiveness of said patients to said
treatment and a prognostic product for detecting the concentration of ~~soluble E-~~
~~cadherin~~ sE-cadherin in urine and/or blood serum.--